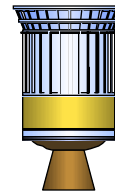


Acquisition Reform Success Story



Upper Stage Space Vehicles

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Program Description

The Upper Stages Program procures the Inertial Upper Stage (IUS) to support the DoD National Mission Model. Program responsibilities include acquiring flight vehicles and miscellaneous support equipment; integrating flight hardware with the spacecraft and boost vehicle; providing launch services; and conducting post-flight analyses.

How Streamlining Made a Difference

The IUS program will achieve a cost savings of \$9.4M from FY96 - FY00 due to a reduction in Federally Funded Research and Development Center (FFRDC) support. Additionally, the IUS program has avoided costs totaling \$21M over the same period through innovative engineering measures in the Super*Zip™ and Solid Rocket Motor (SRM) test programs.

Measure	
SPO Size Reduction	10 per year (Average FY96-FY00)
SPO Size Reduction %	18% Reduction
Cost Savings	Total \$9.4M

Bottom Line: The Upper Stages Space Vehicles reduce program size by 18% (doing it **better**), avoided additional testing (doing it **faster**), and saved approximately \$9.4 million in FFRDC costs and avoided costs of \$21 million in testing (doing it **cheaper**).